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1. [ ] Joe Wolf of State called to say that he is the Department's point of contact with the Symington Subcommittee and they're working on a response to Symington's round robin letter to State, Defense, and CIA of 9 March which among other things requests "any special security clearances" for Subcommittee staff members Lowenstein and Moose. Wolf and I agreed that they might be given SI clearances but not TKH clearances and that the CIA and Defense responses to Symington should simply note that we understand State is handling the clearance problem. Wolf said he had been in touch with Mr. Lehman of Kissinger's staff and this idea, that we would let them be processed for SI but not TKH, was all right with the White House.

Later Ambassador Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State (Congressional Relations), called in the same connection and we covered the same ground.

Shortly after Mr. Wolf called back and asked that we please hold up our response to Symington pending the outcome of the Department's meeting tomorrow in the Pentagon at which time the whole security clearance problem will be reviewed.

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2. [ ] Talked to Senator Milton Young (R., N. Dak.) who said he had no particular advice for us regarding tomorrow's appearance before the Defense Subcommittee of Senate Appropriations, but that in recent hearings Senator Ellender had been complaining about the [ ] people engaged in intelligence activities, and had threatened

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severe cuts. Young said most of Ellender's criticism was aimed at NSA and DIA and he had no reason to think the Agency would be a primary target.

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3. [ ] On the Director's instructions I called the office of Senator Saxbe (R., Ohio) to say that we understood the Senator planned a trip to Vietnam in early April and would be glad to give him a situation briefing prior to his departure or be of assistance in the field if called on. The Senator's secretary said she would pass the message and let us know the answer.

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